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# LOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND OF THE

Surveyor to the Council

&

Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1966



LOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

1966

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1966. As I did not take up my position until February, 1967, it is difficult to give a first hand picture of events and hence the report is largely statistical.

During the year there were 384 births. This represents a birth rate of 19.8 per 1,000 population. When standardised to enable it to be compared with other parts of the country, the figure is 21.98 per thousand. The birth rate for England and Wales was 17.7 per thousand population. The number of births was thus above the national average. Illegitimate births numbered 5.73% of total live births. The average for the past 5 years being 4.6%.; there has been little change of significance.

Deaths during the year numbered 217, giving a death rate of 11.2 per 1,000 population. This Death Rate when standardised in order that it may be compared with the Death Rates in other parts of the country, amounts to 10.87 per thousand population. The Death Rate for England and Wales for 1966 was 11.7 per thousand population, thus the local rate is below average.

The Infant Mortality Rate for the District - that is, the number of deaths occurring in the first year of life for every thousand live births - amounts to 13.8. This is well below the figure for England and Wales which is 19 per 1,000 live births.

Malignant Disease accounted for 44 deaths in the year. This is above the average for the previous five years which is 35.8. but in individual years previously there have been a similar number of deaths, so this figure for 1966 cannot be regarded as significant.

For individual sites of lesion, the stomach heads the list in frequency. The sites at which the disease occurred and the deaths therefrom are given in tabular form later in the report. Under "Other Sites" are included all other sites in the body excluding the stomach, lung, breast and uterus. Of these "Other Sites" the large bowel was that most frequently affected in 1966 and in





the preceding five years.

Deaths from lung cancer have stayed more or less at the same level over the past five years and do not exhibit the alarmingly steady rise that is shown nationally, probably not because of any lower incidence of smoking, but because it is not accompanied by air pollution to any great extent.

The commonest single cause of death was Malignant Disease followed by Coronary Disease and Angina.

Coronary Disease and Angina was the commonest cause of death in the age group 45 to 60 years, the preponderance of the affected being Males. There are two important preventive factors in this disease - the taking of regular exercise by those in sedentary occupations and the limitations of cigarette smoking.

There were no deaths from Infectious Diseases during the year. The efficacy of immunisation against Diphtheria and Poliomyelitis is exemplified by the absence of any cases during the year, but this will only continue so long as the level of immunisation is maintained. The best time to start the procedure is in the first year of life.

Four new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified during the year. The average number notified for the past five years has been 4. The incidence is thus low, but children are still likely to encounter the infection and it is a sound policy to have the school child immunised against Tuberculosis at the age of 13 years.

To turn now to the environmental factors affecting health, there appears to be an urgent need for further council housing as there are a considerable number of unfit houses still being occupied in the villages. Linked with this is the need for the continuation of mains sewerage schemes, some of which have been unfortunately curtailed by the financial restrictions.

To conclude I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Shone and his staff, also the Chairman of the Health Committee, for their kind help and interest since I arrived.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J.E. LEE  
Medical Officer of Health.





LOUTH RURAL DISTRICT  
REPORT ON THE HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITIONS  
FOR THE YEAR 1966  
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Public Health Officers :

Medical Officer of Health :  
G.R. THORPE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
(to October 1966)

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor :  
S. SHONE, A.L.G.E.S., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.A.R.D.S.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector  
and Deputy Surveyor :  
P. CHILD, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., A.R.D.S.

Additional Public Health Inspectors :  
E. CAINES, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
D.G.L. MONTGOMERY, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
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SECTION A.

Social Conditions and General Statistics :

Area of Rural District, in acres .....	153,062
Registrar General's estimate of Residential population .....	19,360
Density of Population per acre .....	0.1
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1966 . . . . .	6,503
Rateable Value of inhabited houses .....	£262,909
(excluding R.A.F. married quarters)	
Product of Penny Rate .....	£1,788

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

(a)	Live	Total	Male	Female
	Legitimate	362	182	180
	Illegitimate	22	13	9
		<u>384</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>189</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population .....	19.8
Standardised Birth Rate for Comparability purposes .....	21.98
(Comparability factor 1.11)	
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births).....	5.73



(b) Still Births	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	6	2	4
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population ..... 0.36

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (Live & Still) Births ..... 17.9

Total Live and Still Births : - 391

# DEATHS

Total	Male	Female
217	120	97

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population ..... 11.2

Standardised Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.97)..... 10.87

Infant Deaths	Male	Female
(a) Under 12 months		
Legitimate	2	3
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total  
Live Births ..... 13.0

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate  
Live Births ..... 13.8

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate  
Live Births ..... Nil

(b) Under 4 weeks	Male	Female
Legitimate	1	2
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000  
Total Live Births ..... 7.8

(c) Under 1 week	Male	Female
Legitimate	1	2
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000  
Total Live Births ..... 7.8

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births and  
Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000  
Total Live and Stillbirths) ..... 25.6

Maternal Deaths (including abortion) ..... Nil



Table 1. Ages at Death for 1966.

Year:	0/1	1/5	5/15	15/25	25/35	35/45	45/55	55/65	65/75	75+	Total
Deaths:	5	2	-	3	3	7	20	26	53	98	217

Table 2. Table showing ages at death during the past 5 years and the averages for that period.

Year:	0/1	1/5	5/15	15/25	25/35	35/45	45/55	55/65	65/75	75+	Total
1965	2	2	-	3	3	7	7	24	50	101	199
1964	6	1	-	4	2	2	10	24	45	101	195
1963	6	-	-	2	5	6	9	27	63	91	209
1962	9	1	2	4	2	10	8	32	52	97	217
1961	9	2	3	2	2	-	10	24	53	98	203
Aver -age:	6.4	1.2	1.0	3.0	2.8	5.0	8.8	26.2	52.6	97.6	204.6
1966	5	2	-	3	3	7	20	26	53	98	217

Table 3. Malignant Tumours 1966

Site	Male	Female	Total
Stomach	7	2	9
Lung and Bronchus	5	-	5
Breast	-	5	5
Uterus	-	-	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	13	12	25
	25	19	44

Malignant Tumours: Numbers in Previous Five Years Compared with 1966

Site	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Stomach	9	2	4	4	3	7
Lung and Bronchus	5	9	3	-	7	3
Breast	5	10	3	3	6	2
Uterus	-	2	1	1	2	1
Other	25	17	16	26	27	20
	44	40	27	34	45	33





Table 4. Causes of Death

	1966		1965	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis of non-respiratory system	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	1
4. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
5. Measles	-	-	-	-
6. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	1	-
7. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	7	2	1	1
8. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	5	-	5	4
9. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	5	-	10
10. Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	-	-	2
11. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	13	12	11	6
12. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	1	-
13. Diabetes	-	1	4	2
14. Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	16	12	20
15. Coronary disease - angina	26	12	36	8
16. Hypertension with heart disease	5	5	1	3
17. Other heart disease	10	10	9	11
18. Other circulatory disease	7	10	6	4
19. Influenza	-	2	-	-
20. Pneumonia	3	3	4	1
21. Bronchitis	3	1	2	2
22. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	3	3	1
23. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	1	-
24. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	-	2
25. Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-	1	-
26. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	2	-
27. Congenital Malformations	1	1	-	-
28. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	13	4	12
29. Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1	2	-
30. All other accidents	5	-	1	1
31. Suicide	2	-	1	-
32. Homicide	-	-	-	-
	<u>120</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>91</u>



## PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases, other than Tuberculosis, notified during 1966 (including Service cases):-

Disease	Cases Notified
Measles	36
Puerperal pyrexia	1
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	1
Acute Primary Pneumonia	1
Scarlet Fever	2
Dysentery	1
Total:	<u>42</u>

### TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality during 1966

NEW CASES				DEATHS			
Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Average number of Respiratory cases notified in previous five years ..... 4

Average number of Non-Respiratory cases notified in previous five years ..... 8

### SECTION C. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

#### Laboratory Facilities

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory at Lincoln. Samples of water, milk, ice cream and any other items where bacteriological examination is essential are dealt with. Many thanks are due to Dr. J.M. Croll for his prompt assistance on many occasions.

#### Treatment Centres and Clinics

The following clinic services are provided by the County Council and by the Regional Hospital Board, towards meeting local needs in the preventive and treatment branches of medicine.

#### A. Clinics at the County Council's premises, 32 Queen Street, Louth

School Children: Each Wednesday 2 to 4 p.m.  
Diphtheria & Combined Immunisation

#### Child Welfare:

Child Health Clinic Each Tuesday 2 - 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 9 to 12 noon



Toddlers:	Tuesdays (2nd & 4th) 9 a.m.- 12 noon.
Ante-natal Mothercraft & Relaxation:	Wednesday 2.30 p.m.
Dental:	By appointment
Speech Therapy:	Wednesdays 9 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Chiropody:	Wednesdays & Fridays 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Welfare Foods:	Daily
Child Psychiatry:	Thursday 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

The Clinic is also used by the Family Planning Association and there are sessions on Monday (2nd & 4th in month) at 7 p.m.

B. - At the Local Hospitals

County Hospital, Louth  
Out Patients Clinic

Louth & District Hospital  
Out Patients Clinics

Monday: Ophthalmology 9.30 a.m.  
General Surgery 10.30 a.m.  
Dermatology 2.0 p.m.  
Ante Natal 2.30 p.m.

General Surgery 2 p.m.  
(alternate Mondays)

Tuesday: Psychiatry 9.30 a.m.  
(alternate Tuesdays)  
School Eye Clinic 10 a.m.  
(1st & 3rd Tuesday)  
Ophthalmology 10 a.m.  
(2nd & 4th Tuesday)  
General Surgery 2.0 p.m.  
Dental 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday: Chest Diseases 9.0 a.m.  
Orthopaedic 9.30 a.m.  
Paediatric 2 p.m.  
(also 1st Wed at 9 a.m.)  
School Eye Clinic 2 p.m.  
(1st Wed)  
Ante Natal 2 p.m.  
(1st Wed)

Thursday: Ear, Nose & Throat 9.0 a.m.  
General Medicine 10 a.m.  
Orthodontist 10 a.m.  
(at Louth Health Clinic)  
Radiotherapy 11.0 a.m.  
(alternate Thurs)  
Gynaecology 2.0 p.m.

Friday: Orthopaedic 9.30 a.m.  
General Medicine 10.0 a.m.  
General Surgery 2.30 p.m.  
Radiology  
Pathology

General Surgery 10.0 a.m.  
(alternate Fridays)





## The Health Clinic at Louth

The Clinic is the local headquarters for the services run by the Lindsey County Council. These include a clinic for babies and toddlers where the mother is advised about care of the child and where its subsequent development can be kept under review up to the age of five years.

Immunisation is offered against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox.

There is also provided at the clinic a speech therapy service where children often in their early years at school can be given help with their speech. A speech defect may considerably handicap a young child at school.

Another service provided at the clinic is Child Guidance. Children who are experiencing emotional difficulties at school or at pre-school age are seen with their parents and an effort is made to modify the influences which are affecting them adversely.

The chiropody service is a valuable one especially for elderly people, as foot defects tend to become exaggerated in old age and self help is more difficult.

The Mental Welfare officers play an important part in helping those persons who have been under treatment for psychiatric disorders and who by friendly visiting and assistance with obtaining employment can be helped to resume their normal activities.

The clinic also forms the headquarters for the area for the District Nurses and Midwives who are available to assist the Family Doctors.

The Clinic also provides a Dental service for school children and expectant mothers in the area. For those children who have abnormal jaw and tooth formation, treatment is provided by visiting orthodontists.

### D. Environmental Health Services

The Mains Water supply is supplied by the East Lincolnshire Water Board, but there are 1,356 houses which are supplied from private sources. The mains supply is good in quality and quantity.



There is no trouble from plumbo solvency. The natural fluoride content is low.

No unsatisfactory bacteriological reports were obtained from 53 samples from the mains supply, but out of 135 samples from private supplies there were 19 that were unsatisfactory, these were due to failure in the chlorination systems.

There are 14 houses on the mains supply who have outside taps and there are 136 houses on private supply with an outside source. Private water supplies of doubtful purity are a constant threat to health.

There are 121 houses with privy vaults in the district and 902 houses with pail closets. Houses with W.C's number 5,549.

Sewerage schemes have recently been completed or are in process of completion in five areas. There are still eleven areas which need inclusion on a sewerage scheme. Further progress here has been delayed by the financial restrictions.

The importance of satisfactory sewerage treatment cannot be over emphasised with the risks of fly borne infections and the increased difficulty in maintaining standards of personal hygiene.

#### Prophylactic Measures against Infectious Disease

Immunisations carried out in Infant Welfare Clinics, in Schools and by family Doctors on residents in the Rural District are shown in the following tables. The numbers immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus in the first two years of life have fallen a little from last year's figures. The same can be said with regard to the Poliomyelitis figures. There has, however, been an increase in the numbers vaccinated against Smallpox.

The importance of immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus and against Poliomyelitis was mentioned at the beginning of my report.

I am grateful to Dr. C.D. Cormac for supplying the figures relating to immunisation.



Particulars of Vaccinations & Immunisations carried out in the Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1966.

	YEARS							Total
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	
<u>Diphtheria Immunisations:</u>								
Initials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boosters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations:</u>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough Immunisations:</u>								
Initials	125	144	10	9	4	2	-	294
Boosters	-	22	137	29	16	42	4	250
<u>Diphtheria &amp; Tetanus Immunisations:</u>								
Initials	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8
Boosters	-	-	3	-	10	221	8	242
<u>Whooping Cough Immunisations:</u>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Whooping Cough and Tetanus Immunisations:</u>								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Smallpox</u>	Under 1	1 - 4		5 - 15		Total		
Vaccination	5	180		39		224		
Re-Vaccination	-	5		30		35		
<u>Tetanus Immunisations:</u>	Under 1	1 - 4	5 - 15		15+	Total		
Initial	-	-	-	9	16	25		
Booster	-	-	3		25	28		





Poliomyelitis Immunisations 1966

SALK VACCINE

ORAL VACCINE

YEAR OF BIRTH:	Two injec- tions:	Third injec- tions	Fourth injec- tions	Initial Course of Three Doses	Oral Booster after two Salk injec- tions	Booster Dose of Oral Vaccine
1966	-	-	-	74	-	-
1965	-	-	-	181	-	-
1964	-	-	-	34	-	-
1963	-	-	-	13	-	-
1962	-	-	-	3	-	20
1961	-	-	-	5	-	65
1960	-	-	-	4	-	68
1959	-	-	-	-	-	12
1958	-	-	-	2	-	4
1957	-	-	-	3	-	2
1956	-	-	-	1	-	2
1955	-	-	-	1	-	1
1954	-	-	-	-	-	1
1953	-	-	-	2	-	2
1952	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951	-	-	-	-	-	-



To the Chairman and Members  
of the Louth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1966, which is based upon the requirements of the various Ministry Circulars and Statutory Instruments, and beg to call attention to the following items in particular.

The construction of mains sewers and disposal works at Aby and Withern were completed, and extensions to the disposal works at North Thoresby and Binbrook were well advanced. These works together with the new mains sewers in hand at Saltfleet will do much to alleviate the objectionable condition of open dykes in the respective villages and provide the ratepayers' with amenities in keeping with modern demands.

The total of 228 Council and private enterprise housing units completed shows an improvement on last years commendable figure of 191 and we look forward to maintaining this in 1967.

Grant-aided housing improvement schemes completed were slightly less than last year at 69 but this yearly total is expected to decrease bearing in mind that to the end of 1966, 1212 grant-aided schemes have been completed

In a year of considerable pressure all members of your technical staff have applied themselves diligently and I am particularly indebted to the Medical Officer of Health, Doctor G. R. Thorpe, and my Deputy, Mr. P. Child. My thanks also due to the Clerk of the Council, Mr. B. C. V. Spence, and all officers.

To you Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am continually grateful for the keen interest shewn in the numerous and complicated technical matters at all times.

I am honoured to be Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S. SHONE.

Surveyor to the Council.  
Public Health Inspector.



ANNUAL REPORT  
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A N D  
SURVEYOR TO THE COUNCIL

HOUSING

Total number of new houses erected			
during the year	...	...	228
(1) By the Council	...	...	25
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	...	NIL
(3) By private enterprise	...	...	203
(4) Number allocated for replacing houses			
subject to Demolition Orders	...	...	25

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACTS, 1954 - 57.

No Certificate of Disrepair was issued.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES

(a) Total number of dwellinghouses			
inspected for housing defects	...	...	367
(b) Number of inspections made	...	...	442

REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT  
SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE

Number of dwellinghouses rendered			
fit in consequence of informal action			
by the Local Authority or their Officers			59

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

Public Health Acts	...	...	NIL
Housing Acts	...	...	NIL





SLUM CLEARANCE - PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS

(a)	Number of individual unfit houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	... ..	49
(b)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders		14
(c)	Number of dwellinghouses subject to Closing Orders	... ..	29
(d)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit by Undertakings	... ..	4
(e)	Number of dwellings included in confirmed Clearance Orders	...	NIL
(f)	Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance thereof	...	NIL
(g)	Total number of dwellings on which Demolition Orders are operative and which are still occupied except under Sections 34, 35, and 46, of the Housing Act, 1957.	... ..	95
(h)	Number of dwellings occupied under Sections 34, 35, and 46, of the Housing Act, 1957.	... ..	NIL
(i)	Houses voluntarily demolished or closed which would otherwise have been the subject of statutory action		26

HOUSING ACTS - OVERCROWDING

Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... .. NIL

No major overcrowding problem is present in the Council's area.



## GRANT-AIDED IMPROVEMENTS

Approved applications for "Discretionary" Grants totalled 44 and "Standard" Grants 19. During the year 45 "Discretionary" and 24 "Standard" Grant schemes were completed.

These now bring the completed "Discretionary" schemes to a total of 967 and "Standard" grants to 245. A total of 1,212 schemes of house improvement and a record of which the Members can be justly proud.

## CARAVANS

There are 60 sites licensed embracing a total of 879 caravans. The co-operation of site operators has been maintained and the conditions on sites continue to be of a high standard. Fifty-nine minor contraventions noted during 1,003 visits were remedied.

## KNACKERS' YARDS

The one premises now licensed continues to be managed and operated in an exemplary manner. On no occasion has it been found necessary to recommend formal action in respect of contraventions. The Council's efforts to reduce the multiplicity of these premises over a period of years has proved to be correct and it is plainly evident that one such premises is adequate to provide this necessary service to the local farming industry.



## FOOD PREMISES

The control and supervision of those premises within the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued with a total of 385 inspections. Conditions are good and the premises call for no specific comment.

Premises registered for manufacture or preparation of preserved food	...	...	14
Premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream	...	...	2
Premises registered for the sale only of pre-packed ice cream	...	...	82
Bakehouses	...	...	7
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	10
Butchers Shops	...	...	11
Cafes	...	...	15
General Village Stores	...	...	130

Samples of ice cream were taken on 99 occasions, no adverse laboratory report was received. My thanks are again due to Doctor Croll and his Public Health laboratory staff for their willing assistance at all times.

## NUISANCES

### ABATED INFORMALLY

Refuse	...	...	...	...	4
Foul ditches etc .	...	...	...	...	63
Drainage	...	...	...	...	47
Fowls, pigs and other animals	...	...	...	...	8
Dangerous premises	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	37
					<u>160</u>





## MEAT INSPECTION

The one privately owned slaughter house has been maintained and operated in excellent fashion, the owner is at all times co-operative and helpful.

Animals slaughtered total 85 cattle, 249 sheep and lambs and 11 pigs, all have been inspected in accordance with the Regulations. No evidence of major disease was found and only minor organs were declared to be unfit.

## DRAINAGE

Number of houses with privy vaults	-	121 est..
Number of houses with pail closets	-	902 est..
Number of houses with water closets	-	5,549
Number of conversions to water carriage system	-	96

## SEWERAGE

Contracts were completed for sewers and disposal works in Aby and Withern. Contracts were started for the extension of sewers and disposal works in North Thoresby, Binbrook and Holton-le-Clay. It is expected that the contract in the latter village (when completed) will do much to remove the source of continuing complaint.

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING

A new tanker of greater capacity was delivered in September and already an increase in efficiency has been noticed - particularly by way of the total cesspools and septic tanks emptied. A further 113 cesspools were abolished.



## REFUSE COLLECTION

This service continues to operate very satisfactorily due in no small measure to the unfailing efforts of the workmen who carry out an often thankless task with cheerfulness and efficiency. Efforts are being made to obtain additional land for disposal.

## STREET LIGHTING

This amenity is now provided in some 20 villages and has been greatly appreciated by ratepayers', including the early antagonists.

## PETROLEUM STORAGE

The 155 premises licensed to store petroleum spirit have been regularly visited and the minor transgressions willingly rectified.

No matter has arisen calling for particular comment.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

The continued delegation of Planning functions to this Council by the Lindsey County Council has again worked well and I am pleased to record my appreciation of the assistance readily given at all times by Mr. M. H. Ingham, the Area Planning Officer.

A total of 660 applications were received during the year and, in spite of a continuous burden of work upon the Committee Members (particularly the Chairman), the administration proceeded with smooth precision.

To ratepayers and local builders the practice of delegating decisions on certain applications to the Chairman has again proved to be a considerable saving in time. The speed and efficiency these are dealt with has brought much favourable comment.



FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

INSPECTIONS

PREMISES	Number on Register	Inspection s	Written Notices	Occu- piers Prose- cuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	2	-	-
Factories not included in above, in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	72	48	-	-
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	5	6	-	-
TOTAL ...	79	56	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

During the year 473 premises were visited  
and 12,400 rats destroyed. No serious infestation  
came to the Council's notice.







